

Appendix table 6-5

Scientists and engineers who are unemployed or out of the labor force, by reason for not working, sex, race/ethnicity, and disability status: 1999

Reason for not working	All scientists and engineers	Sex		Race/ethnicity ^a					Disability status	
		Male	Female	White	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Without disabilities	With disabilities
		Number								
Total not working.....	2,069,200	1,132,600	936,600	1,806,400	114,000	80,400	58,900	8,700	1,706,400	362,700
Family responsibilities.....	368,900	31,200	337,700	320,700	22,300	8,900	13,600	2,800	341,900	27,000
Chronic illness or permanent disability.....	139,900	81,300	58,600	118,200	4,200	11,200	5,200	1,000	44,600	95,300
Suitable job not available.....	121,400	65,700	55,700	94,700	12,300	6,100	7,700	600	106,900	14,500
Did not need or want to work.....	454,200	130,200	324,000	404,500	26,400	9,700	12,600	1,000	416,300	37,900
Retired.....	1,115,800	841,800	274,000	1,014,500	35,100	45,700	17,300	3,400	863,100	252,700
Student.....	248,600	117,700	130,900	177,000	38,700	14,500	17,000	1,500	239,100	9,500
On layoff from a job.....	81,200	57,600	23,500	64,700	6,400	5,100	4,500	500	67,900	13,200
Other reason.....	70,200	26,300	43,900	57,000	7,600	2,900	2,200	600	62,700	7,500
		Percent								
Total not working.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Family responsibilities.....	17.8	2.8	36.1	17.8	19.5	11.0	23.0	32.0	20.0	7.5
Chronic illness or permanent disability.....	6.8	7.2	6.3	6.5	3.7	14.0	8.8	11.3	2.6	26.3
Suitable job not available.....	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.2	10.8	7.6	13.0	7.0	6.3	4.0
Did not need or want to work.....	22.0	11.5	34.6	22.4	23.2	12.1	21.4	11.5	24.4	10.4
Retired.....	53.9	74.3	29.3	56.2	30.8	56.8	29.3	38.8	50.6	69.7
Student.....	12.0	10.4	14.0	9.8	33.9	18.0	28.9	17.2	14.0	2.6
On layoff from a job.....	3.9	5.1	2.5	3.6	5.6	6.4	7.7	5.3	4.0	3.6
Other reason.....	3.4	2.3	4.7	3.2	6.7	3.6	3.7	6.7	3.7	2.1

^aTotal includes "other" race/ethnicity not shown separately.

NOTES: "Scientists and engineers" include all people holding a bachelor's degree or higher in an S&E field plus people holding a non-S&E bachelor's degree or higher who were employed in an S&E occupation in 1993. Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred. Details may not add to totals because of rounding and because respondents could select more than one reason.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT).